



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Mauro et al.
Serial No.: 10/003,915
For: CATAMENIAL DEVICE
Filed: November 2, 2001
Examiner: C. Anderson
Art Unit: 3761
Confirmation No.: 7768
Customer No.: 27623

Attorney Docket No.: 460.2115USU

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

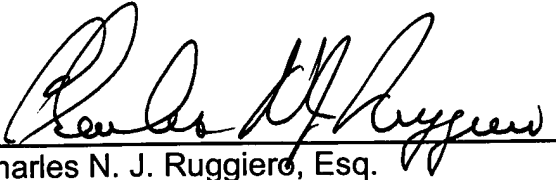
The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	36	Minus	38	0	x \$18.00	\$
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	0	x \$86.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE			x \$290.00 = \$			
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES			\$0			
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY			\$N/A			

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes (\$0), and any extension of time (\$0) is calculated to be \$ 0.00.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

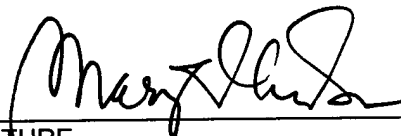
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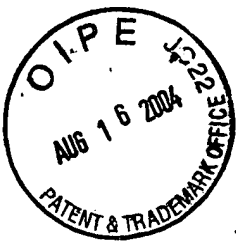

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON AUGUST 13, 2004.

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Mail Stop Amendment
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 19, 2004, Applicants submit the following response requesting reconsideration of the above-referenced application.

Claim Status begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.